Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Florence Lenore Jonas was born in New York State on September 23, 1904; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Florence married Charles Miller in 1923, and to that union 8 children, 25 grandchildren, 58 great-grandchildren, and 23 great-great grandchildren were born, all living in the United States except one who is serving in Iraq; and,

Whereas, The highlight of Florence's life is her family and she loved making sugar cookies with all the fine details on the holidays for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Florence has embroidered many baptismal towels for her church, crocheted afghans for family members and loves to read and work on puzzles; and,

Whereas, Florence observed her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gathered to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2004, as

FLORENCE MILLER DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State